CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	146bb9f070f37f752d42bf12739dade0.hidex
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	2000337.014
Medium:	Image File
Maker:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	10 December 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	09 December 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer-generated image explicitly depicts a man involving a girl in sexual activity. That the image is computer-generated does not diminish its effect. It replicates the real-life sexual abuse of young people by adults. The only likely purpose of the image is the sexual arousal of those with a prurient interest in young girls. It normalises the idea that young people are sexually available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual use, further encouraging and legitimising this sexual interest. The image may also be used for grooming purposes. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The objectionable classification given to this image interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable.